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1. MEHMET ALI KISLALI, EDOTOR OF THE WEEKLY YANKI MAGAZINE (AND STRINGER FOR TIME AND NEW YORK TIMES), TOGETHER WITH RETIRED COL HUSEYIN YAKIS, FORMER CLANDESTINE LEADER (BAYRAKTAR) OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT FORCES, WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY JULY 9 BY THE ANKARA MARTIAL LAW COMMAND.

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, THE TWO WERE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING STATE SECURITY BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH YAKIS IN A JUNE ISSUE OF YANKI.

2. IN THE INTERVIEW, YAKIS ARGUED THAT THE PRESENCE OF A TURKISH MAINLAND BAYRAKTAR WAS CREATNG CONFUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SECTOR AND THE INSTITUTION SHOULD BE REVISED SO THAT MUNICIPAL MILITIA AND THE OPERATION OF RADIO BAYRAKTAR WOULD BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT GOVT. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE BAYRAKTAR'S OFFICE "MAY HAVE COME TO THE END OF ITS USEFUL FUNCTION" AND "SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS."

3. A COPY OF THE TRANSLATED ARTICLE WILL BE POUCHED.

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